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Timely Tidbits ...

Library Materials Focus on Self-esteem

Thanks to a grant from the Detroit Area Task Force on Self-esteem, the Romulus Public Library has established a new collection of materials which are ready to borrow, according to Librarian Diane Hazen. The materials are divided into three sections: one for adults' use in dealing with their own self-esteem problems; a second for adults who are working with children and young adults; and a third for children's and young adults' use. A bibliography of the collection's entire contents – which includes videos and cassette tapes as well as books – is available at the Library. Materials are shelved near the Michigan collection.

Homeless Benefit

Proceeds from a Spaghetti Dinner and "Princess Di" Beanie Baby Raffle will benefit the homeless, according to Amber Nicole Long, a student at Romulus High School. The fund-raising event will be held in the School cafeteria from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8. Advance tickets – \$5 for adults or \$3 for children age 10 and under – are available during normal business hours at the High School, Wick Elementary School, and Romulus Flowers & Gifts. For more information, contact either Long or Kathy Hurst, Service Learning Coordinator, at the High School: 941-2170, ext. 809.

Dinner Benefits Wick

The Wick Elementary School Parent Support Group is sponsoring a Community Spaghetti Dinner – to be held at Romulus High School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29 – to raise money for new playground equipment at the School. Featured fare will include spaghetti/mostaccioli, salad, roll, coffee/beverage, and dessert. Tickets may be purchased at Wick or by calling 729-7307 or 728-9562. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens, and \$3.50 for children five to 12; kids four and under get in free. □

K-9 Units Enhance Romulus Law Enforcement



Officer Don Leonard and Smokey.
(photo by Ann Kreutzer)

By Kristi Stephens

Romulus senior citizens who participate in the monthly Crime Watch program at the City's Senior Center recently got a chance to meet one of the Romulus Police Department's newest officers: an 18-month-old German shepherd named Smokey. Smokey and his handler, Officer Don Leonard – together with Smokey's fellow canine officer, Bandit, and Bandit's handler, Officer Darrin Wright – make up the Department's new "K-9" units.

Especially supportive of the new program is Romulus Police Chief Charles Kirby, who was a dog-handler himself for more than seven of his 29 years in law enforcement.

"The dogs are a great enhancement to police work because their senses take up where human senses leave off," he explained.

Terry Shoenbach – who, along with his wife, Diana, trained Smokey and Bandit at their K-9 Academy on Hannan Road in Romulus – was quick to reassure local citizens who may fear that police dogs are vicious animals.

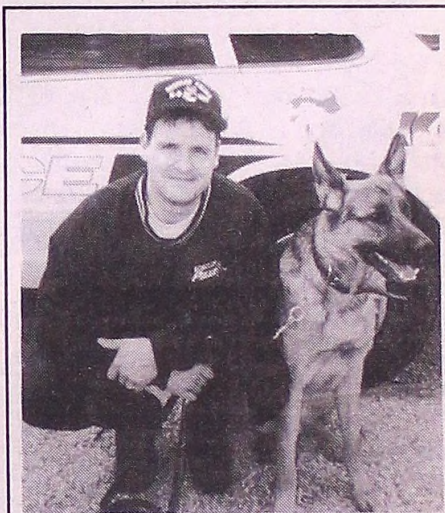
"Some people look at a police dog, and think, 'Oh, my god! It's a police dog. He's gonna kill me!'" said Shoenbach. "But that's absolutely the furthest thing from the truth. When we choose these dogs for training, the first thing we look at – the number-one criterion in their selection – is how friendly they are; how social they are.

"The dogs are *not* mean," he continued. "They're simply very well trained to perform certain tasks and act in a specific manner on their handler's command."

Certainly, Shoenbach speaks with some authority: the former school teacher trained and handled dogs for the Van Buren Township Police Department on a part-time basis for 26 years before retiring from teaching to devote himself to the K-9 Academy.

According to Shoenbach, "full-service" dogs such as Smokey and Bandit receive training in seven areas: obedience, handler protection, tracking, building search, area search, evidence search, and narcotics detection. In fact, it was the dogs' special talents in the last category, in particular, which helped to influence Romulus Mayor William M. Oakley's decision to pursue a K-9 program.

"Due to the proximity of Metro Airport, Romulus gets more than its fair share of transient traffic," said Oakley. "Unfortunately, some of those people who are 'just passing through' are transporting drugs. Smokey and Bandit, with their heightened sense of smell, will allow our police department to become much more efficient at detecting these criminals, and that's doubly good for Romulus. Besides making our city a safer place to live, we'll also be improving our chances to augment our law-enforcement budget with narcotics forfeiture money, and that's an ultimate savings to the taxpayers."



Officer Darrin Wright and Bandit.
(photo by Ann Kreutzer)

Oakley went on to explain that the K-9 program will be among the Department's most cost-efficient investments, since Romulus taxpayers will bear only the costs associated with feeding and otherwise maintaining the dogs, who live with their handlers as family pets during off-duty hours. Narcotics forfeiture money was used for the initial purchase of the animals and their special equipment, as well as their training.

That training was extensive.

"Smokey and Bandit are purebred German shepherds that were born and
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Romulus Police Officer Tom Ellis (second from right) accompanied local senior citizens on their tour of the K-9 Academy, where they met Officer Don Leonard (kneeling) and his canine partner, Smokey. (photo by Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson)

The Editor's Opinion

A Message to Romulus City Council: Next Time, Tell Us *the Whole Truth*, Please!

By Kristi Stephens

Local residents' confusion regarding a statement made at the March 23, 1998 meeting of the Romulus City Council reached a head three days later with the publication of *Romulus Roman* reporter Al Post's article, "Supreme Court blocks EDS well actions" (see the March 26-April 1, 1998 issue of *The Romulus Roman*, Vol. 104, No. 13).

For those of you who did not see the meeting, the statement in question – made by Mark Jacobs, an attorney who represents the City of Romulus in its legal battle to prevent Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), from operating its already constructed hazardous-waste injection well near Wahrman Road – is reprinted here.

"Pursuant to Council's request," Jacobs began, "I'd like to just make a statement about a recent decision in the ongoing litigation between the City of Romulus and Environmental Disposal Systems."

"About one week ago, the Michigan Supreme Court issued a ruling which affirmed the decision made by the Romulus Zoning Board of Appeals – going back two or three years now – that the hazardous waste underground injection well constructed by EDS on the Wahrman Road property is not a permitted use in the light industrial zoning that applies to that particular piece of property."

Following that decision by the Romulus Zoning Board of Appeals, EDS filed an appeal to the Wayne County Circuit Court, seeking review of that decision. The Wayne County Circuit Court affirmed the decision of the Romulus Zoning Board of Appeals. EDS then sought leave, which is a form of permission, from the Court of Appeals to review that decision further. The Michigan Court of Appeals declined to grant that leave, and EDS then sought further leave from the Michigan Supreme Court to review the decision of the Romulus Zoning Board of Appeals, and it's that decision, that just came out last week, which puts to bed, finally, the question of whether hazardous waste disposal operations can be conducted in light industrial zones in the City of Romulus.

"The Zoning Board of Appeals has spoken, and said 'no'; the Wayne County Circuit Court has spoken, and said 'no'; the Michigan Court of Appeals has spoken, and said 'no'; and now the Michigan Supreme Court has spoken, and said 'no.' So that brings to a conclusion

the dispute between the City of Romulus and EDS over the question of whether the Wahrman Road site is an appropriate site for hazardous waste disposal operations.

"There are a number of other legal matters which are continuing to work their way through the courts that relate to the final disposition of this case, and we're optimistic that we will continue to obtain positive results in the courts as this matter proceeds."

After hearing Jacobs' carefully worded statement, it was no surprise to me when *The Romulus News* began to receive calls from residents who wanted to know if it was really true that the legal battle against EDS had been resolved, once and for all, in the City's favor. Most listeners, unfamiliar with the fine points of this complex litigation, had focused on phrases like "puts to bed, finally" and "brings to a conclusion the dispute between the City of Romulus and EDS," and inferred that the interminable lawsuits were finally over. Of those who also noted Jacobs' statement about "a number of other legal matters which are continuing to work their way through the courts," many thought he was referring to what one resident called "legal red tape" – minor side-issues which had to be formally concluded before the case was closed. In the end, several people remained unconvinced when I assured them that the court fights were far from over.

The appearance of the aforementioned *Romulus Roman* article – which stated, in part, "Jacobs told the council last week's Supreme Court action 'puts to bed' *any further action* (italics added) by EDS at the Wahrman road site" – only reinforced their mistaken understanding of the situation.

Understandably, Post's article drew an expression of astonishment from EDS, which promptly sent out a press release acknowledging that their appeal regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) decision had, indeed, been rejected, but adding, "*EDS is presently in the Court of Appeals on the principal action involving the right to utilize the well facility.*" In the appeal, EDS is claiming the right to use the well on the basis of preemption by federal and state law and the fact that the City of Romulus should be estopped from enforcing its ordinance against EDS.... Denial of the Application for Leave to Appeal by the Supreme Court on the BZA interpretation only closes one avenue,

but does not end the litigation to obtain the right to operate the Wahrman well facility, which is expected to last for several more years."

EDS' assertion that the company is still pursuing its litigation against the City was confirmed by Jacobs himself earlier this week. During a brief telephone interview, Jacobs was asked, "Did you mean to imply that there is now no possible chance for EDS ever to be granted the right to operate the well at the Wahrman Road site?" His reply: "Absolutely not."

To the extent that Post may have misconstrued Jacobs' statement, who can blame him? For years, the City has used its stock excuse of "We can't discuss it; the matter is in litigation" to hide from nearly every probing question that the press has asked, then criticized those same reporters for "telling only one side of the story" in their articles and editorials. Now, when the City *does* finally decide to "update" the local citi-

zenry on the status of the EDS litigation, it concentrates on what amounts to a relatively minor victory in court, completely glossing over the fact that a second lawsuit – which could end with EDS operating its Wahrman Road well and the City paying \$100 million in damages – is still pending. Talk about telling one side of the story!

There's a communication problem here, all right, but I don't think that the problem lies with Al Post. If a normally astute reporter – one who has been following a particular story for several years – can misunderstand an attorney's verbal maneuvering, what does the City suppose that the average citizen makes of such statements?

Maybe the next time that the City decides to "inform" its residents, it should take its cue from the second part of the oath used to swear in a witness in court: tell the truth, *the whole truth*, and nothing but the truth. It's no more than we deserve from those who represent us.

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Sports Banquet "Best Yet"



Romulus Cheerleading Coach Bonnie Carter (left) poses with parent Joanne Kirkland, whom Carter has named "honorary cheerleader and number-one fan."

Declaring this year's Romulus Community Schools Winter Sports Banquet "the best yet," Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather proudly addressed the many students, parents, and staff members who attended the annual event.

"There are many people who deserve our thanks for their contributions to our wonderfully successful sports program this winter," said Meriweather, who went on to pay special tribute to the District's fine athletes and their families.

A particular honor was given to Angelo Antaran, who has served as athletic trainer for the last four years.

Wrestling Coach Vern Logan also gave high honors to Romulus student/wrestler Roger Chapman, who went undefeated for two straight seasons.

Athletic Boosters President Ron Dick expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the parents in his organization. Finally, people like Sheri Hicks, Michele Rinehart, William and Diane Chapman, and Karen Kusibab were thanked for the many hours of volunteer service they give to the athletic programs at the High School.

Many positive comments were overheard as the parents left the banquet.

Hopson Honored at Chamber Banquet



More than 160 family members and friends turned out for a banquet held on Friday, March 20, to honor the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 18th Annual Person of the Year, Ron Hopson (left). Here, the longtime community activist receives a plaque from Romulus Board of Education President Julie Oleszkowicz in recognition of his service to the young people of Romulus.

K-9 Units Enhance Law Enforcement

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raised in the Czech Republic," said Shoenbach. "Few domestically bred animals are used for police work in America because the U.S. has no breeding-control laws, which has resulted, over the years, in a number of German shepherds that have either physical or mental problems. European controls, on the other hand, are very strict, and animals bred there – even if they aren't purebreds – are usually more sound and suited to the rigors of police work."

When they were about a year old, Smokey and Bandit were sold to Lieutenant Al Gill of Wapakoneta, Ohio – a specialist who furnishes dogs to police departments throughout the United States. From there, the dogs came to Shoenbach and, eventually, Officers Leonard and Wright.

"We put as much care and thought into selecting Leonard and Wright as handlers as we did into choosing the dogs themselves," said Shoenbach. "After the Romulus Police Department solicited the names of officers who were interested in the K-9 program, I invited all of them down for a day of training and interviews to determine their suitability as handlers. Besides having good physical health and a rapport with animals, a K-9 officer must be articulate and personable, since he often acts as an ambassador of sorts at various PR demonstrations that are put on for schools, service organizations, and the like. Finally, it's important that the officers be self-starters – the kind of people who need no urging to get out and 'rattle the bushes' on their own."

According to Shoenbach, training of the two new K-9 units started in November of 1997.

"At that time," he explained, "Officers Leonard and Wright began the first stage of the three-stage process, working with their dogs for eight to 10 hours a day, four days a week, over the course of a month."

"During stage two, the officers continued training with their animals, working two days a week for the next two months."

"Currently, the animals undergo what is known as 'maintenance training' with their handlers, working one day each week to reinforce their skills. This training will continue throughout the dogs' careers – which, barring injuries, should be about eight years in length."

On February 25, 1998, both Smokey and Bandit underwent testing by an internationally recognized police-dog association. Both passed with flying colors to earn their national certification, and are now hard at work for the citizens of Romulus.

Officers Leonard and Wright enjoy working with their new partners.

"Having Smokey with me gives me an added sense of security," said Leonard, a 17-year veteran who has spent the last 12 with the Romulus Police Department. "He looks out for me as much as I look out for him."

Indeed, protecting their human partners and assisting in the apprehension of suspects are a big part of the dogs' training, according to Shoenbach.

"There are three basic commands for handler protection," he said. "The first causes the dog to become hyper-alert, barking and growling and just generally looking mean; the second orders the dog to actually attack the threatening person. A third command brings the dog back to his handler and returns him to his normal, calm demeanor."

Shoenbach says that the "attack" command is not lightly used.

"Usually, the first command is all that's necessary to intimidate a suspect into submission. The second cannot be used unless three criteria are met; namely, the perpetrator must have committed a *serious* crime, must be actively resisting arrest by attempting to elude the officer, and must present a clear and present danger to the officer and/or citizens in the area if he/she is allowed to escape."

Leonard reports that, to date, all of his unit's apprehensions have been made by "driving" (tracking) the fleeing suspects toward an already established perimeter of police cars.

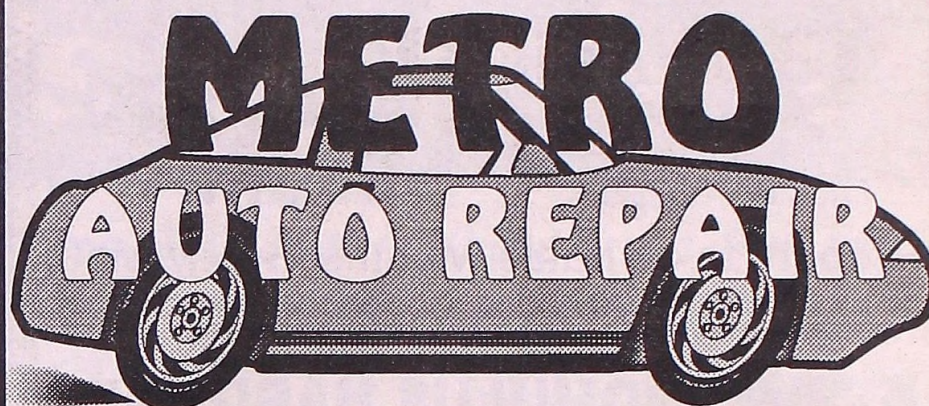
Officer Wright, who has spent all 10 years of his career with the Romulus Police Department, also appreciates his new partner.

"I see the dogs as a terrific law-enforcement tool," he said. "When other resources have been exhausted, we can turn to these beautiful animals that are capable of so many things that we can't do."

Wright was also reassuring about citizens' safety in the presence of the dogs.

"People don't have to be any more afraid of our canine officers than they are of their human counterparts," he stated. "We all have the same job: to protect the people of Romulus."

Romulus residents who would like to learn more about the K-9 program can look forward to a demonstration of the dogs' abilities at the Second Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, which will take place in September. For more information, please contact the Romulus Police Department (941-8400). □



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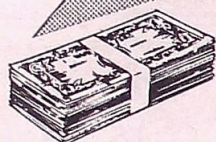
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Costumed Characters Bring Books to Life at Barth



Darlene Abela with "Wednesday" (Melissa Brewington) and "Dan Marino" (Fred Marceniak).

To celebrate "Story Book Character Day" at Barth Elementary School, third-grade teacher Darlene Abela and her students dressed up as the main character from one of the stories they had read in class.

"I wanted the students to get a feeling about the main character in the book they read, so I suggested that they dress up like him or her," she explained.

Student Melissa Brewington's favorite book was *The Addams Family*, based

on the popular television series from the 1960s. Brewington, who was not familiar with the program, chose the book because of the copy on the inside cover.

"It sounded like a good story to read," she said, "and I really enjoyed all of the characters."

Since she was especially fond of Wednesday, the little girl in the story, Brewington chose to dress up like her.

Another student, Fred Marceniak, read a book that highlighted the careers of several famous quarterbacks who played in the National Football League. Since Marceniak's favorite character from the book was Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, he dressed up in a football jersey with Marino's number.

"Dan has played his whole career with Miami, and his life was very interesting to me," he said. "I watch a lot of football with my dad, and the Lions, Broncos, and Dolphins are my best teams."

Principal Jeffrey Royal appreciated the special effort put forth by Abela.

"Having the students dress up like a character from a story is a fun way to bring meaning to what the students are reading," Royal said. "This was just one of the interesting ideas that our staff used to encourage our students to experience books during Reading Month."



Darlene Abela and her students.

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Volunteers Are Appreciated



College student and Merriman volunteer, Christopher Flores, works with an obviously happy first-grader, Freddie Piazza.

Parent Coordinator Dawn Smith simply cannot find the proper words to express her appreciation for the many volunteers working at Merriman Elementary School.

"They are truly wonderful people!" she exclaims. "It's my hope that even more people will become involved in their area's school - not only at Merri-

man, but throughout the Romulus school district."

One of the volunteers at Merriman is college student and Merriman neighbor Christopher Flores, who has volunteered more than 100 hours since he first visited the School last December.

"Working with the students is something that I really look forward to. It makes me feel good knowing that I'm making a difference in the life of children," he says. "Mrs. Smith and the staff made me feel welcome."

The number of volunteers helping out in Romulus schools has grown significantly. In fact, a recent dinner honored more than 500 volunteers who have given their time this year. One reason for the increase is the fact that more people are coming to realize that they need no special skills or time to be of service to their community's young people. All that's necessary is a desire to help. Adults can work in the school or take work to their home.

"Please become involved in your neighborhood school," Smith asks. "There is someone waiting for your help."

Colorful Breakfast Honors Suess



Christopher Petrin, a first-grade student in Mrs. Jasczc's class at Merriman Elementary School, enjoyed "green eggs and ham" as a tribute to the late Dr. Suess on his birthday and St. Patrick's Day.

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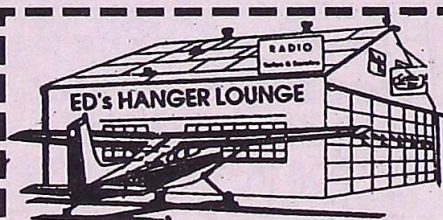
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Local Celebrity Reads to Second-graders at Barth



John Brimble and Tammy Carroll.

Tammy Carroll, a volunteer parent,
 has organized the "celebrity" reading
 program for the last two years.

"It has been a real honor and plea-
 sure for me to do this," she explained.
 "The people who agree to read to the
 students are all very busy, but willing to
 make time for the children.

"John Brimble is a perfect example
 of the cooperation I receive from the
 readers," Carroll added.

Principal Jeffrey Royal agrees with
 Carroll.

"Every person who has come to
 school to read has thanked us for the
 opportunity to help," she said. "Of
 course, we thank them for what they are
 doing, too. Without their cooperation,
 our students would not receive the ex-
 cellent example of how important and
 fun reading can be."

After reading two different stories to
 the students, Brimble answered ques-
 tions about the books he read and the
 business he runs.

Later, Brimble commented on what
 a pleasure and a treat it was to read to
 such an attentive audience. □

During Barth Elementary School's
 March Reading Program, longtime
 Romulus businessman and community
 supporter, John Brimble, read stories to
 students in Becky Bales' second-grade
 class. Brimble, who owns and operates
 the Captain Nemo's restaurants, en-
 joyed finding the time to entertain and
 inform the youngsters.



John Brimble, owner of the local-area Captain Nemo's restaurants, was
 one of Barth School's "celebrity readers" during the March Reading
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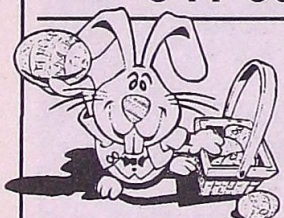
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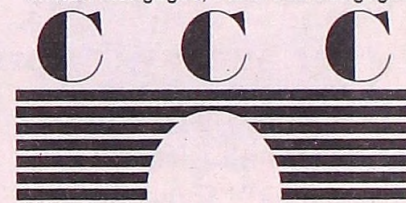
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LEAPFROG

Write the word(s) that fits definition #1 into the correspondingly numbered box. Next, drop one letter and anagram (rearrange) the remaining letters to find the answer to definition #2. Perform the same drop-a-letter/anagram procedure on word #2 to arrive at the answer to definition #3. Place the first dropped letter in the space to the left of answer #1 and the second in the space to the right of answer #3. Repeat this process on each line of the puzzle. If the puzzle is done correctly, the dropped letters, read from top to bottom, will spell out some timely phrases.

	1	2	3	
	4	5	6	
	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	
	13	14	15	
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	22	23	24	
	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	
	31	32	33	
	34	35	36	
	37	38	39	

DEFINITIONS

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. Calls | 22. Chairs for royalty |
| 2. Gleamed; glowed | 23. Veracious |
| 3. Ages | 24. Former 34th District Court Judge |
| 4. Subsides; diminishes | 25. Shattered |
| 5. Beauty's partner | 26. Disgraced |
| 6. Wagers | 27. Greek god of the netherworld |
| 7. Urchins | 28. Devoid of purpose |
| 8. Mystery; riddle | 29. Prayer book |
| 9. Its capital is Augusta | 30. Loses weight |
| 10. Makes bigger | 31. Harangued |
| 11. High-ranking officer | 32. Declare |
| 12. Less fatty | 33. Romulus Board of Education Trustee Webb |
| 13. Flowering evergreen shrub | 34. Prediction |
| 14. Erudite | 35. Elements; components |
| 15. Creditor | 36. Makes by hand |
| 16. Jury's finding | 37. Short trips taken to perform a variety of tasks |
| 17. Straightforward | 38. Entrapped |
| 18. Instant; moment | 39. Auto style |
| 19. Mistreated | |
| 20. Smears; blotches | |
| 21. Undeveloped flowers | |

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "PESACH"

How many words of four or more letters can you form using only the letters in PESACH (Hebrew for "Passover")? A letter can be used more than once only if it appears more than once. Proper nouns, obsolete and archaic words, slang and informal words, poetic words, hyphenated words, contractions, and foreign words are not permitted.

For our list of 17 words, plus the LEAPFROG solution, see page 10

Pass on Passover Traditions

For Jewish families, the celebration of Passover, or *Pesach* (its Hebrew name), is an opportunity to instruct children in some of the history and rituals of the Jewish faith.

This year, Passover begins on April 11. The eight-day holiday commemorates the Jewish Exodus from slavery in Egypt.

Food plays a very important part in the Passover holiday. In fact, another name for Passover is *Hag Hamatzot*, which means "the festival of unleavened bread." Unleavened bread (*matzo*) is eaten during Passover because this is what the Jews – who were in too much of a hurry to wait for the bread to rise – took with them on their flight from Egypt.

Foods eaten during Passover must be "kosher for Passover," which means that they must contain absolutely no leaven. Leaven is defined as anything made with yeast or anything that could easily ferment, such as flour.

The main event of Passover is the Seder, which is both a religious service and a feast. The Seder is held at home, rather than in a synagogue, and is led by the head of the household, with the other family members also taking part. It takes place on the first (and sometimes on the second) night of Passover.

The Seder proceeds in a certain order, which is defined by a book called the *Haggadah*. During the ceremony,

historical narrative is read, hymns are sung, questions are asked and answered, and symbolic foods are eaten. The symbolic meanings of these special foods are explained in the *Haggadah*. Besides matzo, these foods are:

- *maror*, bitter herbs (such as grated horseradish) that commemorate the bitterness of slavery;
- *baitzah*, a roasted egg that's symbolic of the cycle of life and death;
- *zaroah*, a roasted lamb bone which represents the paschal lamb;
- *haroseth*, a mixture of chopped nuts, apples, and wine that's symbolic of the clay which Pharaoh's Hebrew slaves used to make bricks; and
- *karpas*, a green vegetable such as parsley or celery which serves as a reminder that spring's new growth brings renewed hope.

Besides these foods, there is no prescribed menu for the Seder meal, as long as all the foods served are kosher for Passover. Menus vary, depending on the family's ethnic background and on the Jewish community (Reform, Orthodox, Sephardic, etc.) to which the family belongs.

For those who do not have a collection of family recipes, the ones that follow will be a good starting point in building a set of cherished recipes to pass on to children, grandchildren, and other family members.

Ashkenazic Apple-Nut Haroset

(makes about 3 cups)

6 apples, peeled and coarsely chopped (2 pounds)

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup chopped almonds

3 tablespoons sugar or to taste

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon

Grated rind of 1 lemon

4 tablespoons sweet red wine

Combine all ingredients, mixing together thoroughly. Add a little more wine as needed. Blend (you can use a food processor) until you reach the desired consistency. Chill.

(From *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen* by Joan Nathan, published by Schocken Books)

Potato Knishes

(serves 6 to 8)

$4\frac{1}{2}$ cups mashed potatoes

3 eggs

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup matzo meal

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper

3 teaspoons salt

3 large onions

4 tablespoons cooking fat

Mix potatoes, beaten eggs, meal, pepper, and 2 teaspoons salt. Brown onions in hot fat and add 1 teaspoon salt. Flatten small pancakes of the potato mixture in the hand. Cover with brown onions. Press another pancake on top. Roll in matzo meal. Fry in hot fat or bake in hot oven (400°F).

(From *The Complete American Jewish Cookbook* by Anne London and Bertha Kahn Bishov, published by Harper & Row)

Passover Blintzes

(makes six blintzes)

3 eggs

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup matzo cake flour

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups water (about)

Beat eggs and add salt, flour, and water alternately to make a thin batter. Put 3 tablespoons of batter in a hot, greased skillet, spreading out as thin as possible. Fry brown on one side. Turn out on a towel, browned side up. Cool and spread with filling of choice (see suggestions below). Fold sides in and roll up. Fry again, turning once to brown both sides. Serve with sour cream or plain.

Fillings: cheese (mix 1 pound cottage cheese with 1 egg, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon sugar, and 1 tablespoon thick sour cream); meat (fry pancakes in chicken fat; fill with any seasoned, cooked, chopped meat); or prunes (spread a tablespoonful of chopped raw prunes, sweetened to taste, on each pancake).

(From *The Complete American Jewish Cookbook* by Anne London and Bertha Kahn Bishov, published by Harper & Row) □

ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from page 9
LEAPFROG:

- 1) phones; 2) shone; 3) eons
- 4) abates; 5) Beast; 6) bets
- 7) gamines; 8) enigma; 9) Maine
- 10) enlarges; 11) general; 12) leaner
- 13) oleander; 14) learned; 15) lender
- 16) verdict; 17) direct; 18) trice
- 19) abused; 20) daubs; 21) buds
- 22) thrones; 23) honest; 24) Stone
- 25) smashed; 26) shamed; 27) Hades
- 28) aimless; 29) missal; 30) slims
- 31) raved; 32) aver; 33) Eva
- 34) forecast; 35) factors; 36) crafts
- 37) errands; 38) snared; 39) sedan

"Passover, Seder / Haggadah, maror"

YOU'LL FIND IT IN "PESACH":

ache, apse, cape, case, cash, chap,
each, hasp, heap, pace, chase, cheap,
peach, phase, scape, shape, space

RHS Boys' Tennis

Gold Division

- Romulus at Garden City (Mon., Apr. 6, 4 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Monroe Jefferson at Romulus (Mon., Apr. 20, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Fri., Apr. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Mon., Apr. 27, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 29, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Fri., May 1, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Union (Mon., May 4, 4 p.m.)
- New Boston Huron at Romulus (Wed., May 6, 4 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Thu., May 7, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Fri., May 8, 4 p.m.)

Upcoming Athletics at the Middle School

Softball – Blue Division

- Romulus at Robichaud (Tue., Apr. 21, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Thu., Apr. 23, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Redford Hilbert (Tue., Apr. 28, 3:45 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Thu., Apr. 30, 3:45 p.m.)

Track – Blue Division

- Belleville South at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 22, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti West (Mon., Apr. 27, 3:30 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 29, 3:30 p.m.)

Upcoming Athletics at Romulus High School

Varsity Baseball

- Romulus at Robichaud (Wed., Apr. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Berkley at Romulus (DH) (Mon., Apr. 20, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (DH) (Sat., Apr. 25, 11 a.m.)
- Crestwood at Romulus (Mon., Apr. 27, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 29, 4 p.m.)

JV Baseball

- Romulus at Belleville (Mon., Apr. 6, 4 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Wed., Apr. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (DH) (Sat., Apr. 25, 11 a.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Mon., Apr. 27, 4 p.m.)

Varsity Softball

- Romulus at Southgate (Mon., Apr. 6, 4 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Taylor Invitational (Sat., Apr. 18, TBA)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Wed., Apr. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Wayne at Romulus (Fri., Apr. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Mon., Apr. 27, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Apr. 29, 4 p.m.)

JV Softball

- Southgate at Romulus (Mon., Apr. 6, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Wed., Apr. 8, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 22, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Wayne (Fri., Apr. 24, 4 p.m.)
- Crestwood at Romulus (Mon., Apr. 27, 4 p.m.)

Boys' Track – Blue Division

- Gibraltar Carlson at Romulus (Tue., Apr. 7, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus/Robichaud at Rouge (Tue., Apr. 21, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Thu., Apr. 23, 3:30 p.m.)
- Dick Waters Invitational (Sat., Apr. 25, TBA)

Girls' Track – Gold Division

- Thurston at Romulus (Tue., Apr. 7, 3:30 p.m.)
- Dick Waters Invitational (Sat., Apr. 25, TBA)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Tue., Apr. 28, 3:30 p.m.)

Community Calendar

- **Choir/Dance/Drama Students Seek Support** – Romulus High School is currently conducting a special fund raiser for the choir, dance, and drama programs at the High School and the Middle School to defray the cost of upgrading performance facilities and supporting student activities. Local residents will be contacted and asked to purchase items such as delicious frozen pizza, French-bread pizza, gourmet nuts, Amish-style fudge, durable trash bags, first-aid kits, and lifesaving fire extinguishers. All products will be delivered to your doorstep at no charge. For more information, call Judith Thompson-Barthwell (941-2170, x503).
- **Donations Sought** – Romulus Head Start – a Federally funded preschool program for three- and four-year-olds who are from low-income families, foster children, or children with disabilities – will be hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday, April 4, from 12 to 3 p.m., to raise money to buy a display sign for its school (located at 35408 Beverly Road) and T-shirts for all the children. Featured will be craft tables, food, face painting, games, prize drawings, and more. To make the Family Fun Day a success, Head Start is asking individuals, businesses, and community groups to make donations of cash; items or gift certificates to be used as prizes; and/or food items such as hot dogs/buns, condiments (catsup, mustard, relish, etc.), potato and nacho chips, nacho cheese, baked goods, and beverages. For information, call Dawn Mosher or Charisma Harris (728-7815).
- **"Glorifying God in His Temple"** – In celebration of its 38th Congregation Anniversary, the Romulus Second Baptist Church (located at 11242 Grover Street) and its pastor, Reverend Marcus L. Johnson, Sr., will host a three-part program, "Glorifying God in His Temple," at 4 p.m. on April 5, April 19, and April 26. For more information, contact the Church at 941-0330 (RSBChurch@aol.com).
- **Airport Noise Meeting** – A public meeting will be held in the Romulus City Council chambers at Romulus City Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, to give residents an opportunity to learn more about, and voice their concerns regarding, Detroit Metropolitan Airport's Neighborhood Compatibility Program (NCP). Chief among the topics which Airport representatives will discuss will be the Sound Insulation Program and other issues related to aircraft noise and the NCP.
- **Herb Conference** – The In-Balance Center's 11th annual Herb Conference will be held at the Romulus Marriott (30559 Flynn Drive) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Guest speaker will be Dr. Jack Ritchason, who will discuss herbs and their uses in natural health. The \$35 ticket cost (nonrefundable) covers admission to the conference and a vegetarian lunch. Those who plan to attend must RSVP by April 17. For more information, call 734-941-8778.
- **Pumpkin Festival Committee Seeks Entertainers, Crafters, Vendors** – The Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee is already hard at work, preparing for the second annual Pumpkin Festival in September. The Committee's meetings are held in the Romulus City Hall Community Room (located in the lower level) at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month (next meeting: April 16). Currently, the Committee is seeking entertainers/performers interested in volunteering their talents, as well as crafters and food vendors who would like to participate. For more information, or for a crafter or vendor application, please call Maria Lambert (942-7543) before 6 p.m., or Susan Watts (941-0476) before 8 p.m. Entertainers/performers may call Ellen Bragg (942-9207) between 3 and 8 p.m.

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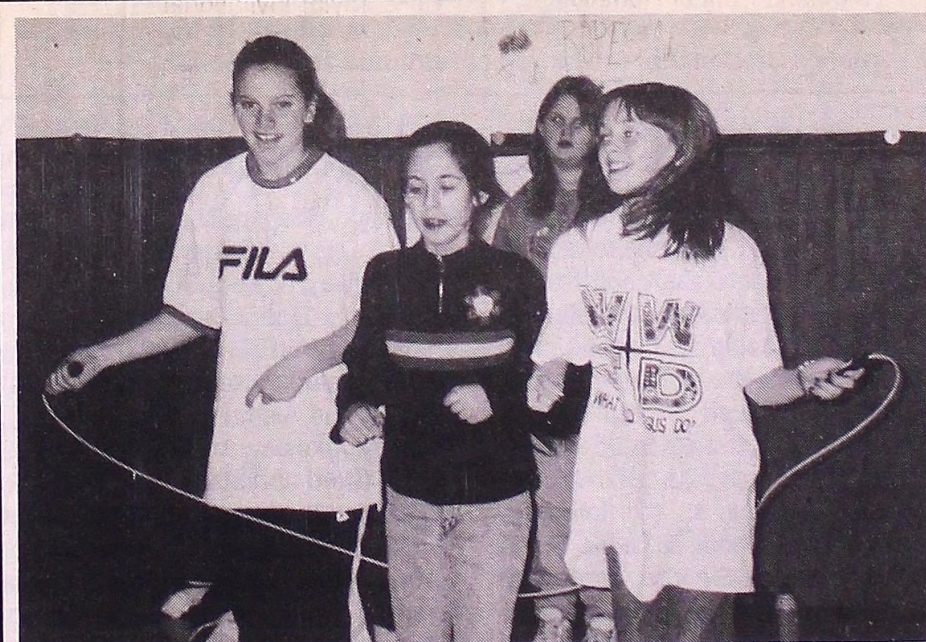
Stephen Hudson works with Michael Mercier and fellow students.

Six college students studying small-group dynamics at University of Detroit Mercy are gaining practical experience by participating in Small Group and Center Activities with students in Mrs. Notaro's class at Halecreek School. Working with the first-graders is giving Stephen Hudson, Kathryn Ribant, Kyle Stapish, Janet Webster, Julie Webster,

and Emily Zoutendyk a firsthand look at how sharing, cooperating, and learning take place in such groups.

The educational experience has been an enjoyable one for the college students: "It was a lot of fun seeing how excited the children were to learn, and to be able to share our knowledge with the students," said Hudson.

"Heart" Program Emphasized the "Fun" in "Fund Raising"



Barth fifth-graders Jennifer Goss, Jazmine Bennett, Jessica Shelton, and Jennifer Shelton work as a team at their school's "Jump Rope for Heart" fun(d)-raiser for the American Heart Association.

Barth teacher Sheila Stasak was delighted with the success of the recent "Jump Rope for Heart" program conducted at four local elementary schools to benefit the American Heart Association (AHA).

As the driving force behind the fund-raising effort, Stasak worked with fellow physical-education instructors Bill Baum (Halecreek), Pat McCollum (Merriman), and Gayle Millspaugh (Cory) to help students raise more than \$10,000 for the AHA. To participate, students obtained pledges from their family mem-

bers and friends, then joined their classmates to form teams for jumping rope. All of the money collected went to the Heart Association.

Stasak spoke for all her colleagues when she thanked those who participated in this year's event, as well as their sponsors and the parent volunteers who provided encouragement and served refreshments to the student jumpers.

Plans are already in the works to repeat the "Jump Rope for Heart" program next year. □

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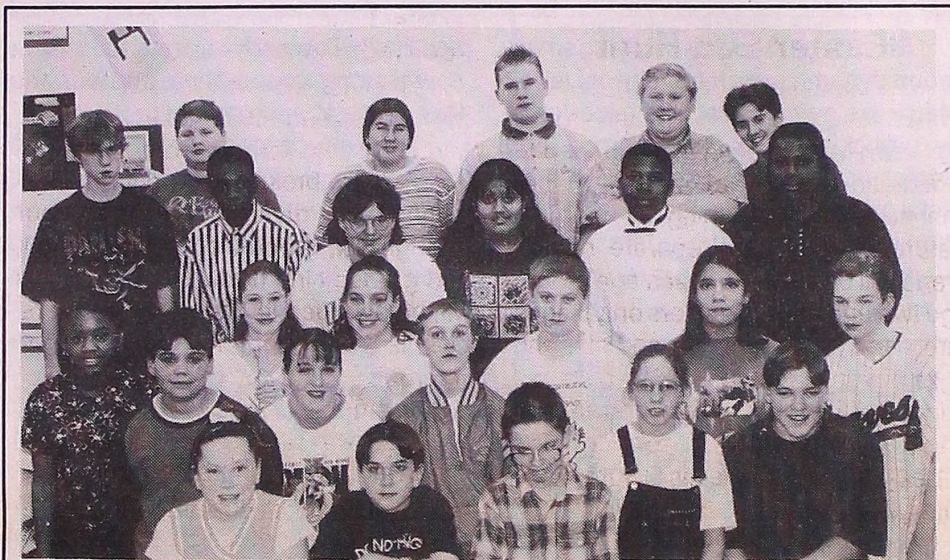
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RMS Students Honored

Romulus Middle School teachers selected a total of 34 students to receive a "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during the month of February.

With St. Patrick's Day in mind, students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a green-and-white carnation along with their certificate of achievement and a Romulus Middle School "Bulldog" ink pen. Parents in attendance were given an RMS Student of the Month "Bulldog" mug to recognize their support of the students. Life Management classes provided the delicious refreshments.

Congratulations to the following Romulus Middle School Students of the Month (February): Kenneth Belcher, Matthew Bunch, Roger Chapman, Tamara Ciarrocchi, Jerry Clark, Jamie Cox, Kristopher Craine, Joshua Cutliff, Richard Davidson, Patrick Doutre, Trista Gervel, Zachary Gutowski, Bethany Hotchkiss, Anthony Jezierski, Charles Jones, Scott Kennedy, Kevin Longre, Kyle Moton, Matthew Neimann, Jennifer Ottenbreit, Rubens Paillere, Leslie Perez, Randy Polk, Robert Rice, Aisha Siddiqui, Wendi Skiff, DéShon Smith, Shannon Smith, Tiffany Smith, Stephanie Stillwagon, Jason Watson, Kjersten Wesley, Schlay Wooden, and David Wycaver.



February's Students of the Month at Romulus Middle School.

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Romulus High School teachers selected a total of 38 students to receive February's "Student of the Month" award based on the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance. Students attending a brief ceremony in their honor received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the following Romulus High School Students of the Month (February): Signora Armstrong, Michelle Barley, Nicole Bauer, Ryan

Block, April Bostain, Carrie Brown, Tarra Brown, Sharice Carter, Patrick Cecil, Erin Conway, Naketa Copeland, Dominic Evitts, Eric Franquist, Theresa Genaw, Myron Gray (Athlete), Tara Green, Isaiah Hemmingway, Christopher Higgins, Aisha Hubbard, Amy Hudson, Jay Jakeway, Amber Long, Darius McClendon, Crystal Miller, Musoki Mulenga, Chontea Nabors, Jennifer Orme, Andrew Paultanis, Anton Poole, Linda Ryznar, Michael Schultz, Laketia Shelton, Leslie Slone, Josef Smith, Jillian Suchan, Rebecca Swain, Charlene Winters, and Rashad Woods.

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 9, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 9, 1998 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed Members Lenossi and Kesner absent (excused). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/98/1 Moved by Gondek supported by Woods to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/98/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to approve the Minutes of February 23, 1998, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

None.

Bills for Payment

3/98/3 Moved by Woods supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Kesner entered the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

Community Participation Report - Phyllis Adkins

Ms. Phyllis Adkins was present and shared information with the Board of Education on our Community Participation Initiative. She also responded to questions posed by Members of the Board.

Refunding Bonds

3/98/4 Moved by Webb supported by Gondek to use crossover method for refunding Bond Issue in the approximate amount of \$14 million. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Halecreek Playground

3/98/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb that the Board of Education match Halecreek Schools' PTG contribution for playground equipment and contact Engan-Tooley-Doyle and Associates, Inc., for equipment and installation. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Enrollment Projections - McKenna and Associates

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, distributed a copy of a very comprehensive report on our future enrollment and gave a brief overview of the material that will be used to develop future Bond Issues.

Resolution for Expenses - National School Board Meeting

3/98/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached Resolution for attendance of three Board Members to the NSBA Convention. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience discussed their concerns as they pertain to the operation of the School District with members of the Board of Education.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell shared the following items with the Board of Education: 1) Finance Minutes; 2) Out-of-state Field Trip; and 3) "Thanks" - Transportation.

3/98/7 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:32 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/98/8 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary,
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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

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Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Romulus Recreation Department's annual Easter Egg Hunt – a free program which requires no advance registration – will be held at Elmer Johnson Park beginning at noon on Saturday, April 11. Separate search areas will be set up for each age group: age two and under (walkers only), ages three and four, ages five and six, and ages seven and eight. Children should bring their own basket or bag for the eggs they collect. Note: A "special guest" will be on hand to have his picture made with the children.

Easter Crafts

The Recreation Department will offer a special Easter arts & crafts program for all ages (children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult) on Saturday, April 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. A cost of \$3.50 (only cash payments will be accepted) allows the participants to make one egg and a pom-pom animal. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 3. Class size is limited to 25.

Girls' Basketball Clinic

The Detroit Shock of the WNBA is offering a clinic at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte on Saturday, April 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To find out more, call the Romulus Recreation Department: 942-6852.

Spring Soccer

The Romulus Recreation Department's spring soccer program will begin right after spring break. Those who participated last fall may reregister at the Recreation office at no additional cost; all others must pay \$10. Play will begin at the elementary schools on April 18, and continue each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (If there are not enough children from grades three through six, teams will be formed by combining schools.)

For more information, contact the Recreation Department: 942-6852.

"Spring Break" Trips

The Romulus Recreation Department will offer the following trips for youngsters during "spring break."

Roller Skating

A trip to Westland's Skateland, open to children of all ages (although children under seven must be accompanied by an adult), is set for Tuesday, April 14. A bus will depart from the Recreation building at 12:15 p.m. and return at approximately 3:30 p.m. A cost of \$6 includes transportation, skate rental (in-line skates extra), and admission. Register no later than Monday, April 13.

Pool Tournament

The Recreation Department will host a pool tournament on Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16. Competition will be broken down into the following age divisions: grades four through six, grades seven and eight, and grades nine through 12. Trophies will be awarded to first-place finishers. Cost is \$1 per person. Register at the Recreation office by Monday, April 13.

Swimming

Children of all ages (youngsters seven and under must be accompanied by an adult) are invited to participate in an afternoon of swimming at the Wayne Community Center on Friday, April 17. A bus will depart from the Recreation building at 12:30 p.m. and return at approximately 3:15 p.m. Cost is \$4 for kids; \$5 for adults. Deadline for registration is Thursday, April 16.

Charlotte's Web

The Romulus Recreation Department will be traveling to Northville on Saturday, April 18, to see *Charlotte's Web*. A bus will depart from the Recreation building at 1:30 p.m. and return at about 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. Advance registration is required.

Spring Classes

Karate

The new 10-week session of Karate classes, which began March 31 and will run through June 11 (no classes during spring break), offers beginner (ages five to 10) and advanced (beginners age 11 and over or anyone who already has earned a belt) classes on a twice-weekly basis. Classes meet at Romulus Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. (beginners) and 7 to 9 p.m. (advanced). Cost is \$20 for beginners; \$30 for advanced students. Family plans are available.

Tai-Chi

A beginning Tai-Chi class, which began on March 31, is being offered at the Romulus Recreation building from 8 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Cost for the 10-week session is \$25. □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of April: Pauline Bragenzer, Myra Brower, Mary Casto, Clara Droggs, Dean Dudgeon, Helen George, Dorothy Gierak, Barbara Gillingham, Jane Kobylski, Helen Kostecki, William Maze, Margaret McIntosh, Sally Mulka, Rosie Robinson, Phyllis Wade, and Atlas Willis.

Free Health Screenings

The Medical Team will be offering free health screenings at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, April 6, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Among the procedures which will be performed are: hearing and vision/glaucoma exams, vital signs/blood-pressure checks, cholesterol checks, blood-sugar tests, comprehensive blood/urine analyses, osteoporosis screenings, and TB skin tests.

Immunization and mental-health information, as well as how-to instructions for breast/testicular self-examinations, will also be available.

Sign-up sheets are available at the Center to insure that local seniors have ample opportunity to participate.

Free Tax Service for Seniors

From now through April 15, AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12 to 3:30 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home-heating, prescription, and property-tax forms.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. For more information, contact the Center.

Commodities Available at the Center

The Romulus Senior Center will be distributing commodities to qualified individuals on the third Thursday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; bring proof of income) is required.

Next date: April 16.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been set for Wednesday, April 15, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center.

Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Crime Watch: Scam Artists

Sandy Bell will be joining Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 30, to talk to seniors about con artists who are running telemarketing scams to victimize senior citizens. Be sure to stop by and learn more about how you can protect yourself.

Senior Luncheon To Feature Easter Theme

A special visitor will be hopping by to visit at this month's Senior Luncheon, set for 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, at the Center. Luncheon participants are also invited to take part in the Center's third annual Hat Contest by decorating a hat at home, then bringing it to be judged in one of three categories: "colorful," "unique," or "funniest." Three "local celebrity" judges will have the tough task of picking the winners from the "anonymous" entries. (Hats will be assigned numbers, not names, to guarantee a fair decision.)

The menu for the afternoon: ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, bread/butter, and dessert. Cost: \$4.

Sign up at the Center.

Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van on Friday, April 24, for French Town shopping in Monroe. Space is limited; payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

(Note: Deposits insure your seat for any bus trip.)

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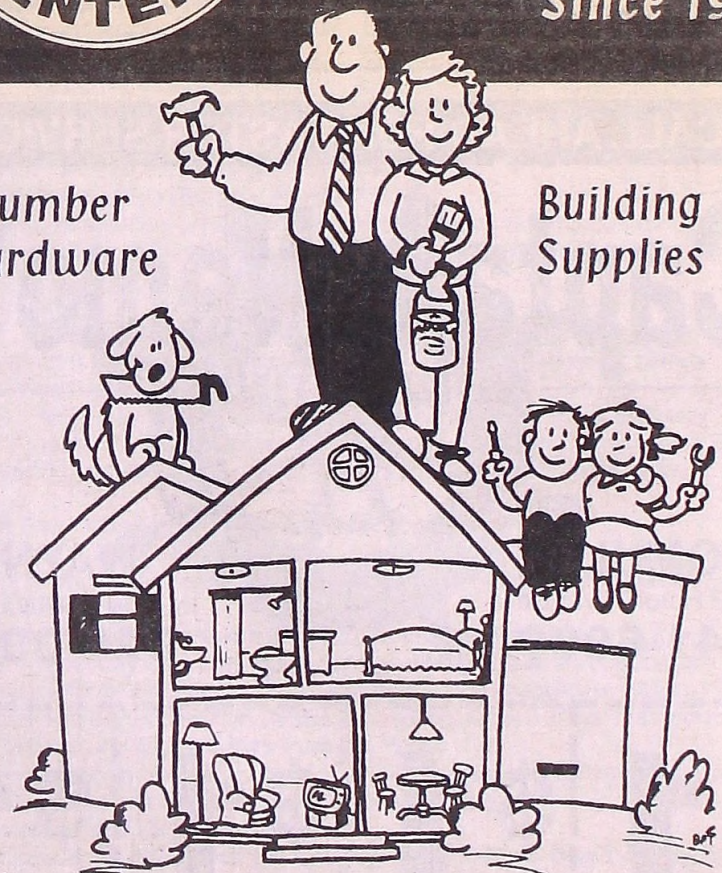
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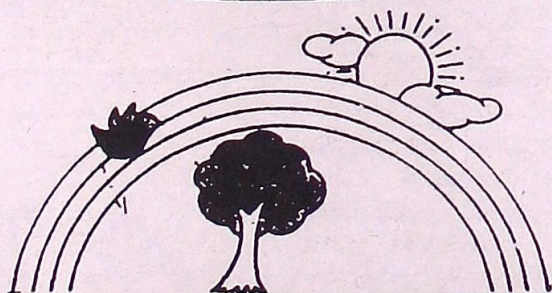
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Obituaries

Bernice M. (Gray) Casey

Bernice M. (Gray) Casey of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, March 20, 1998. She was 88 years old.

Bernice — who was born in Lake Village, Arkansas, on September 6, 1909 — was a former employee of the U.S. Postal Service and American Airlines, and a member of the First Baptist Church Choir.

She is survived by one sister, Freddi Bea Price (Chicago, IL); six grandchil-

dren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Two husbands, one son, one daughter, and one sister preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 21, at First Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Charles Woolridge officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Teresa Marie (Cieciek) Graczyk

Teresa Marie (Cieciek) Graczyk of Detroit, Michigan (formerly of Romulus, Michigan), died on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the age of 60.

Teresa — who was born in Detroit on January 7, 1938 — graduated from Romulus High School in 1956.

She is survived by three daughters, Ms. Leeann Stough (Detroit, MI), Mrs. Larry (Lyn) Kosikowski (Belleville, MI), and Ms. Lori Graczyk (Detroit, MI); three brothers, Thaddeus (and his wife Joan) Cieciek (Clinton, MI), Leonard (and his wife Char) Cieciek (Saline, MI), and

Richard (and his wife Della) Cieciek (Whitmore Lake, MI); one sister, Mrs. Terry (Lucille) McIntosh (Romulus, MI); two grandchildren, Jason and Wendy; and six nieces and nephews, Mark, Lisa, Chris, Greg, Erik, and Nik.

A memorial service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson (St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

George Kuboff

George Kuboff of New Boston, Michigan, died on Thursday, March 19, 1998. He was 73 years old.

George — a native of Lebanon, Ohio — was born on December 7, 1924. The former United States Marine was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4039 and the Tri-County Leathernecks, as well as a former member of the Hudson-Essix Teraplane Association and the Antique Auto Club.

Surviving George are his son, George J. Kuboff (Manchester, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Dickson (Virginia M.) Mann (Belleville, MI) and Mrs. Charles

(Mary Ann) Beach (West Bloomfield, MI); two brothers, John (Cleveland, OH) and Joseph Kuboff (Hubbard, OH); one sister, Mrs. Ann Gleydura (Hubbard, OH); and five grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia M. Kuboff; two brothers; and two sisters.

A funeral service was held on Monday, March 23, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to Pontiac Mercy Pathways.

James S. Stoner, Sr.

James S. Stoner, Sr., of New Boston, Michigan, died on Monday, March 30, 1998, at the age of 63.

The Michigan Bell retiree and Veterans of Foreign Wars (New Boston, MI) member was born in Rugby, Colorado, on April 2, 1934, and married Arthella L. Swim on November 4, 1955.

James is survived by his wife; one son, James (and his wife Marsha) Stoner Jr. (New Boston, MI); three daughters, Mrs. Philip (Shirley) Orth (Lynnville, IN), Mrs. Mitchell (Jayme M.) Landreville (New Boston, MI), and Mrs. Kevin (Kathleen M.) Garland (Trenton, MI); one brother, Larry A. Stoner (Collinville, OK); one sister, Mrs. Robert (Shirley A.) Sawinski (Pinckney, MI); and six grandchildren, Jahan, Zachary, Troy, Rachel, Chelsea, and Emily.

A funeral service was held at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI) on Thursday, April 2. Interment was at Mallett Cemetery (Huron Township, MI). Memorial tributes may be made to the Michigan Heart & Vascular Institute. □

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